A.—(*a*) Sections 3 and 10 of the Criminal Tribes Act were applied in 1923 to the Dandasis of Ganjam district. In 1924 the Government directed that for the time being only known criminal males with their relatives and associates should be registered. This order is still in force.

(*b*) Some Dandasis are employed as village talaiyaris or watchmen.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) According to the census of 1921, there were 17,433 males and 24,335 females. The Government have no information as to the percentage which has no ostensible means of livelihood.

(*e*) & (*f*) The Government have no information.

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"I wish to know the number of those registered already and how it compares with the actual number."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I want notice, Sir."

Forests.

Source of timber supply to the Russellkonda saw mill.

*28 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of forests and reserves from which timber is extracted for the Russellkonda saw mill;

(*b*) what is the average cost per cubic foot for felling timber in those forests;

(*c*) what is the average cost of carting per cubic foot of timber from the forests where they are felled to the Russellkonda saw mills; and

(*d*) what is the average cost price per cubic foot of timber shown in the accounts of the Russellkonda saw mill?

A.—(*a*) Rambha, Gogodo, Pacchalia, Pippalaponka, Kriamba, Chendragiri, Gallery, Gundribadi, Rogoda, Baiballi and Brahmanasai reserves.

(*b*) One anna 5·4 pies.

(*c*) Three annas 3·75 pies.

(*d*) Four annas.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—"I wish to know the cost per square foot of ordinary log of timber."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I do not know these details. I want notice."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"Is the Russellkonda mill working?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"It is stopped temporarily."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"I wish to know what action has been taken on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee on this question."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I want notice of the question."